

**ABSTRACT**

Disclosed are systems and methods for testing a network service. In one embodiment, a system and a method pertain to sending an initial request to the network service, redirecting a related request sent by the network service to an actual network service such that the related request does not reach the actual network service,  
5 emulating operation of the actual network service, and returning at least one response to the network service being tested, the at least one response being responsive to the related request.